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## **MEMORANDUM**

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From:

Kerita L. Kegler, Analytical Chemist, Sr.

Subject:

RI-002576 Oceana Salvage, Virginia Beach, Virginia

Date:

July 26, 1993

On July 20, 1993, I received a telephone call from Mr. Rhodes, attorney for the Malbons. This call was in response to the July 2, 1993, letter I wrote to Mr. Sonny Malbon of Oceana Salvage concerning the unpermitted battery reclamation facility that is operating at the site. Mr. Rhodes informed me the batteries are disposed of at an authorized battery reclamation facility, Dublin Reclamation. I informed him I have pictures showing the batteries have been improperly disposed at the facility. He said he would come by the office on July 21, 1993 between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. to look at the pictures.

On July 21, 1993 at 9:45 a.m. I met with Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Sonny Malbon concerning the improper battery disposal practices. We viewed the slides and Mr. Malbon informed me the batteries were brought in from another farm some thirty years prior. According to Mr. Malbon, the batteries were crushed and used for a roadway base and all that remains after this time were the empty casings. I informed the gentlemen they need to properly dispose of the material. If all that remains is the casing, I suggested they contact a local landfill to see if the material can be disposed of at their facilities. They informed me the battery reclamation company will not take batteries if they have been damaged. I told them they must remove and properly dispose of the batteries, and obtain a firm that can collect samples of the underlying soil. Mr. Rhodes said he would be writing me a letter to let me know their plan for the cleanup and a realistic time frame for completion.